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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Police Complaints Commissioner

Province of Nova Scotia

2024 – 2026

The Office of the Police Complaints Commissioner is an independent civilian oversight body that monitors complaints and investigations involving municipal police in Nova Scotia – and provides support to the Police Review Board which has the responsibility for deciding appeals from complaints referred to them by the Police Complaints Commissioner.

Mayor

Town of Annapolis Royal NS

2016 – 2020

Established in 1605, Annapolis Royal [Port Royal] was the first capital of Nova Scotia until the establishment of Halifax in 1749 – and also served as the capital of the French colony of Acadie from 1605-1629 and then again in 1632-1710. As well, it was the site of the short-lived Scottish colony of New Scotland (1629-1632) – the legacy of which remains in the name of the province and its coat-of-arms. In acknowledgement of the town's deep colonial past, the town embraced reconciliation initiatives in response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action.

Lead Investigator – Forensic Document Review Team

MMIWG National Inquiry

2018 - 2019

A centrepiece of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women & Girls, the Forensic Document Review Team (FDRT) was tasked with analyzing police reports of missing and murdered indigenous women and girls; making determinations as to adequacy of police investigations and actions; and recommending action(s) or further investigation by police agencies.

Police Oversight Consultant / Investigator

Office of the Nova Scotia Police Complaints Commissioner
2012 - 2016

Conducted independent investigations into allegations of police misconduct on behalf of the Nova Scotia Police Complaints Commissioner. Analyzed evidence and reported findings with recommended course(s) of action; including, that the Police Complaints Commissioner refer the matter to the independent Nova Scotia Review Board for a public hearing.

Senior Investigative Analyst

British Columbia Office of the Police Complaint Commissioner
1998 - 2012

Conducted contemporaneous oversight of police investigations into police officer involved serious injuries and death; deaths-in-custody; excessive force; corrupt practice; deceit; abuse of authority; neglect of duty; discreditable conduct; conduct constituting an offence; and improper of-duty conduct.

Provided investigative advice and direction to police investigators. Conducted reviews and analysis of serious injury and death incidents involving the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) for referral to Attorney General's Criminal Justice Branch for charge review where appropriate. Oversight responsibilities for municipal police departments, and four tribal police services: Stl'atl'imx Tribal Police Service; Ts'ewulhtun Police, and the Dididaht and Kitasoo/Xi'xais Public Safety Departments.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE**Senior Investigator**

Atlantic Region Special Investigations Unit
CKR Global Maritimes Division / Progress Investigations
Corporate & Insurance Fraud Investigations
Nova Scotia
2012 – 2016

Firearms Officer / Compliance Inspector

Office of the Chief Provincial Firearms Officer
BC Ministry of Attorney General
1995 – 1998

Senior Fire & Security Officer

Greater Victoria Hospital Society
Fire, Safety & Security
1985-1995

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Board Member – Canadian Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement
2024-2026

Co-Chair - ACERC (Annapolis Climate & Ecological Research Centre) Coalition
Climate Change Response Initiative: 2020 to 2026

NSFM Representative - Joint Police Services and Community Advisory Committee
Public Safety: 2017 - 2020

Past President – Annapolis Board of Trade
Economic Empowerment: 2013-2016

Past Vice-President – James Bay Residents League
Civil Rights & Social Justice: 1980-1982

Founding Member & Director – Victoria Waterfront Enhancement Society
Chairman - Research & Legal Committee
Civil Rights & Social Justice: 1980-1982

Founding Member – VOICE
Victoria Organization of Involved & Concerned Electors
Civil Rights & Social Justice: 1982-1985

EDUCATION / TRAINING

Major Case Management & Forensic Interrogation
Forensic Science Advance Specialty
British Columbia Institute of Technology
Burnaby, BC

Statement Analysis Certification
Laboratory for Scientific Interrogation
Phoenix, AZ

Professional Standards & Internal Affairs Certification
South Western Law Enforcement Institute
Richardson, TX

Departmental Management Diploma
Canadian Hospital Association
Victoria BC

REFERENCES

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"I commend Mr. MacDONALD for obtaining the Jail video showing Mr. Paul being dragged into and out of the jail buildings. It portrayed the department's treatment of Mr. Paul and his obvious incapacitation in a way that galvanized public attention and was, in my view, an important contributing factor to this inquiry being convened." - JUSTICE WILLIAM DAVIES, Q.C. Commissioner of Inquiry Into the Death of Frank Paul

"It is to Mr. MacDONALD's credit that he was not prepared to adopt a naive view in his treatment of the Frank Paul case, and he made the effort to critically examine all evidence, including police officer evidence. Mr. MacDONALD's treatment of the Frank Paul case was, from start to finish, thoroughly professional, as evident from the record and as made clear from his testimony before this Inquiry." - FRANK FALZON, Q.C., Commission Counsel BC Office of the Police Complaint Commissioner